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SUBJECT: ISRAEL AND GSP: ADVERSE EFFECT OF PREFERENCES
CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 046066; TEL AVIV 1061

1. SUBSTANCE OF STATE 46066 CONVEYED TO MFA (ELRON) MARCH 3.
ELRON IN TURNED INFORMED OTHER INTERESTED MINIST
RIES. ON MARCH
13 EMBOFF MET WITH UZI NEDIVI, WHO RECENTLY REPLACED ADIN
TALBAR AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRADE
POLICY QUESTIONS.

2. NEDIVI OPENED BY SAYINGGOI NEEDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
BEFORE DECIDING ON DATE
FOR DISCUSSIONS. THIS INFO
WOULD IN
FACT BE REQUESTED BY ECONMINISTER SHER IN HIS MEETING
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NEXT WEEK IN DEPARTMENT BUT HE WANTED TO PUT QUESTIONS

TO EMBASSY.

THEY ARE:

A. IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS TO OBTAIN ISRAELI
ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP, IN LIGHT GOI UNDERTAKING TO ELIMINATE
ADVERSE EFFECTS OF PREFERENCES IN CONTEXT US/ISRAEL JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS LAST OCTOBER (SEE TELAVIV 718)?;

B. WHEN WILL LIST OF GSP BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES BE
PUBLISHED (HE HAS HEARD APRIL 1 AND THAT ISRAEL IS NOT
ON LIST)?;

C. CAN GOI HAVE LIST OF PRODUCTS TO BE SUBJECT GSP;

L. WILL LIST OF PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO US PRESENTED
DURING TRADE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING IN SEPT BE BASIS
FOR GSP DISCUSSIONS?

3. ANOTHER ASPECT WHICH DEPARTMENT SHOULD CLARIFY IS
WHETHER PREFERENCES TO BE GRANTED UNDER RECENTLY INITIALED
EC/ISRAEL AGREEMENT ARE PROPER SUBJECT FOR GSP NEGOTIATIONS
NEDIVI THINKS NOT, ON GROUNDS NEW AGREEMENT WILL ESTABLISH
FULL FTA IN ACCORDANCE GATT DEFINITION. WE HAVE
BEEN PROMISED COPY OF NEW EC/ISRAEL AGREEMENT "WHEN ADDITIONAL
COPIES OFFRENCH VERSION CAN BE MADE".
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